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REF DEPTEL 87

1. ON AUG 26 DATT DESPATCHED TO GEN AMER KHAMMASH MEMO OUTLINING NEED ALMOST IMMEDIATE CASH PAYMENT 6.4 (ALL FIGURES MILLIONS OF DOLLARS) EVEN IF TOTAL 15.0 CREDIT DRAWN DOWN AND LIKELIHOOD FURTHER CASH PAYMENT 4.9 IN FOURTH QUARTER CY 65. (MEMO AND PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH KHAMMASH BASED ON MESSAGES REFERRED TO DEPTEL 87.) KHAMMASH HAS NEVER DISAGREED WITH US ON AMOUNTS INVOLVED THOUGH HE HAD ORIGINALLY ASSUMED HE DID NOT

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HAVE TO PAY UNTIL LAST DAY OF GIVEN QUARTER. WE EXPECT HE WILL MAKE THESE PAYMENTS AS SOON AS BILLS RECEIVED. THEY NOT YET IN AMMAN.

2. RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE ACTION BE TAKEN ON PM'S REQUEST FOR DRAWN DOWN CREDIT OF APPROXIMATELY 7.9. BELIEVE THIS ACTION APPROPRIATE AS ART IV MEMO UNDERSTANDING MARCH 18 DOES NOT APPEAR OFFER BASIS DELAY COMPLYING GOJ REQUEST. PM AND KHAMMASH IN LEBANON OPENING DAYS THIS WEEK. EXPECT THEY WILL REQUEST REMAINDER CREDIT ON RETURN.

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3. KHAMMASH'S PRESENT PREFERENCE EARLY UTILIZATION CREDIT BASED ON NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY IN UPCOMING PRE-SUMMIT NEGOTIATIONS FRENCH ON SUPERSONICS. AS REPORTED EMBTEL 40 KHAMMASH HAS RECEIVED FROM UAC AT LEAST 28.6 AND AS RESULT APPEARS BE IN POSITION EASILY MAKE DOWN-PAYMENT OF SAY 1.0 PLUS ON SUPERSONICS TO FRANCE AND STILL MEET PAYMENTS 11.3 TO US THIS CY.

SHOULD GOJ FINALLY CONTRACT BUY FRENCH SUPERSONICS IT WOULD APPEAR BE IN POSITION MAKE REALISTIC PAYMENTS FOR THEM IN CY 66 AND 67. IT SHOULD START CY 66 WITH CASH BALANCE OF UAC FUNDS OF AT LEAST 9.0 (RECEIVED FROM UAC 28.8; PAID BEFORE SEPT 1 TO US 4.2; PAYMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO SEPT 1 TO US 11.3;

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TO BRITISH, WE BELIEVE, 2.0; DOWN PAYMENT ON MIRAGES PERHAPS 1.5). AND WOULD RECEIVE 15.3 AS '66 PAYMENT FROM UAC TO MEET BILLINGS OF 14.6 FROM US PLUS 1.5 AMORTIZATION US DEBT AND ABOUT 0.45 INTEREST. IN CY 67 ITS POSITION SHOULD EVEN BE STRONGER AS US BILLINGS WILL AMOUNT ONLY TO 3.7 AND AMORTIZATION PLUS INTEREST PAYMENTS WILL BE SLIGHTLY LESS. GP-3. BARNES